

**Amendments to the Claims**

These claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 19. (Cancelled)

20. (currently amended) A communication device, comprising:

a receiver operable to receive an incoming message that does not include a predetermined tone or melody excluding at least one of a melody-identification signal and a melody-signal; and

a processor in communication with the receiver and operable to compose a melody corresponding to the incoming message subsequent to a reception of the incoming message by said receiver.

21. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 20, wherein said processor is further operable to divide the incoming message into a plurality of fields to thereby compose the melody.

22. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the plurality of fields includes a tempo field, a repetitive play field, and at least one note field.

23. (currently amended) A method of operating a communication device in alerting a user of the communication device of an incoming message, said method comprising:

receiving the incoming message ~~that does not include a predetermined tone or melody excluding at least one of a melody identification signal and a melody signal; and~~  
~~composing~~ compose a melody corresponding to the incoming message subsequent to a reception of the incoming message.

24. (currently amended) The communication device of claim 23, further comprising dividing the incoming message into a plurality of fields to thereby compose the melody.

25. (currently amended) A communication device, comprising:

a receiver operable to receive an incoming message ~~that does not include a predetermined tone or melody excluding at least one of a melody identification signal and a melody signal; and~~  
a processor in communication with the receiver and operable to control a display of the incoming message and to compose a melody corresponding to transformation of the incoming message ~~into a melody subsequent to a reception of the message by said receiver.~~

26. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 25, wherein said processor is further operable to divide the incoming message into a plurality of fields to thereby transform the message into the melody.

27. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 26, wherein the plurality of fields includes a tempo field, a repetitive play field, and at least one note field.

28. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 25, wherein the incoming message is a numeric message.

29. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 25, wherein the incoming message is an alphanumeric message.

30. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 25, wherein the incoming message is a voice mail message.

31. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 20, wherein the incoming message is a numeric message.

32. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 20, wherein the incoming message is an alphanumeric message.

33. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 20, wherein the incoming message is a voice mail message.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the incoming message is a numeric message.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the incoming message is an alphanumeric message.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the incoming message is a voice mail message.